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## Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal to purchase approximately 77.6 acres of land along the Bitterroot River south of Missoula, Montana in Missoula County. The acquisition would connect several existing FWP parcels, preserve open space along the Bitterroot River, and allow for fishing access to the river.

This draft EA is available for review in Helena at FWP's Headquarters, the State Library and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained from the Region 2 FWP Headquarters or viewed on FWP's Internet website at <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov">http://fwp.mt.gov</a> ("Recent Public Notices").

Comments on this draft EA must be received no later than 5 p.m., November 11, 2008. Comments should be mailed to Rory Zarling, FWP, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804-3101 or emailed to <a href="mailed:rearling@mt.gov">rearling@mt.gov</a>. If you have questions, please contact Rory Zarling at 542-5500.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, by November 13<sup>th</sup> I plan to issue the Decision Notice for this EA. Based on the outcome of the Decision Notice, this project proposal would be presented to the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission for final action at its regularly scheduled meeting in December.

Sincerely,

Mack Long

Regional Supervisor

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Enclosure: Draft EA for David's Place Acquisition